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**PATENT**

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**AMENDMENT AND REPLY**

Mail Stop AMENDMENT  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Commissioner:

In reply to the Office Action dated October 7, 2009, of which this Reply is filed within a one month extension, please consider the following amendments and remarks:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.